

From: Simon Enoch

Sent: 03 August 2022 22:27

To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Ref: 2022/01033/LAPR: Best One: 308 Wandsworth Bridge Road London SW6 2UA deadline 3rd August 2022

Dear Sirs,

I writing in my capacity as Chair of the Parsons Green and Walham Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel, Fulham.

The Sub Committee will know that the five Ward Panels in Fulham are now working together to support making Representations for various Licensing Applications. The consequences of Licensing decisions for a Premises are starting to have a deleterious effect all over Fulham, especially when delivery is involved. or could be involved.

We have discussed the increased negative consequences that some residents are experiencing from expanded hours for the sale of alcohol and hot food which in turn is leading to more loitering, littering, noise, nuisance, public safety issues on our pavement and noise nuisance.

I am concerned about certain aspects of this Application and oppose other aspects as detailed below.

1. Hours for alcohol sales.

This Premises at 308 Wandsworth Bridge Road (WBR) is currently a busy hard working Post Office, offering grocery, alcohol and all sorts of things we need/household goods and school supplies. It sells alcohol from 08:00 to 23:00 Mon - Sat and from 10:00-22:30 on Sunday. The reasoning and logic for them seeking to amend those hours from 06:00 and up to midnight is unclear to me. How will selling alcohol from 6am do any good and how will it support the Licensing Objectives?

Wandsworth Bridge Road ("WBR") is about 60 percent residential and 40 percent shops. All the neighbouring roads are purely residential. The extension of the hours for sale of alcohol to 06:00 is likely to only attract those who are already quite well 'refreshed' or even drunk. This can lead to public disorder, Anti-social behaviour (ASB), noise and nuisance.

Extending the hours by one hour to midnight, will cause more people to stop to buy alcohol, from 23:00-midnight, perhaps on their way to a bus stop or before they take a cab home, after having a meal at one of the cafes, restaurants on WBR. More alcohol after a meal with alcohol can lead to public disorder, Anti-social behaviour, noise and nuisance, disruptions of all sorts, arguments on the pavement, in the road etc. Cabbies surely don't buy dearly priced alcohol at night at this type of shop, at least I hope they don't.

On 1st Aug on the NextDoor App there was a post about anti social problems in this area of WBR where people are using laughing gas (NSO with balloons), that needs no encouragement from later trading hours for this shop.

I submit that the current opening hours and the hours for the sale of alcohol are more than adequate for this area of Fulham. The 24-hr shop across the road (Krystals) is enough for the area.

In light of this I oppose the extensions requested as they could cause more anti-social behaviour, noise, and nuisance in, and around the Premises.

2. Hours requested for “Late Night Refreshment”, ie hot food after 23:00 and before 05:00.

This is a residential area/main road with shops and many private front doors, ie victorian terraced houses that are lived in. The residents on WBR don't need more disturbance, noise, nuisance from a shop open for yet another hour.,

3. Floor plan changes

I oppose these because they are not necessary, bar a small area for 'Late Night Refreshment' which I understand will be hot coffee/tea and a microwave, at the moment, prepared indoors, but taken outdoors to consume as there is no seating, at the moment The small amount of counter space needed for the coffee/tea facility and microwave should be shown on the plan, as so should the Post Office.

The filed plan indicates that they wish the entire floor space to be granted a licence to sell alcohol, rather than the existing space. If this was to be allowed , then potentially the whole character of this shop could quickly be changed to a full off-licence, without any further intervention by the Licensing Authority. Currently there is a balance between the Post Office services, groceries, some fresh veg and soft drinks/alcohol.

Changing the floor plan will allow alcohol to be sold anywhere; school children could be tempted (protecting Children from Harm) and the chances of anyone of any age shoplifting (crime) will increase immediately.

A coffee machine and microwave need to be tended by the shopkeeper so this should be in the area of the counter/till, not all over the shop. The shop can sell coffee and hot food before 23:00 and after 08:00 at present, which is sufficient in all the circumstances

Allowing the entire floor space to be licensed could allow :

- 1) the present Premises to become a bar/cocktail lounge or cafe, or
- 2)the licence being transferred easily to someone who wanted to open a cocktail bar; with no new Conditions put on the licence because the transfer must be allowed without any intervention by the Licensing Authority, under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. Deliveries

The Applicant has said that he is not currently planning on delivering from his premises, but that could change. This is the only opportunity, if you decide to extend hours to midnight to put Conditions on the Premises License regarding deliveries. To avoid noise nuisance, only silent bicycles or silent electric bicycles would support the Council's zero carbon and zero emissions aims. No deliveries before 9am and none after 11pm would help residents within a 2 mile radius to not be disturbed by late night/early morning deliveries.

Summary:

I submit that the opening hours and the hours for sale of alcohol should remain as they are. The floor plan should stay as is, with just a small change to allow the placement of a coffee machine and microwave near the counter/till so that customers can be helped easily by whoever is working the counter/till.

I would also like to point out that on July 29, Westminster Council rejected an application by Greggs bakery/cafe in Leicester Square to expand their trading hours beyond 23:00. Westminster Council has a policy of limiting late night hours for the sale of hot food and alcohol, on the grounds of seeking to reduce crime, disorder, public nuisance and noise problems.

Your faithfully

Simon Enoch
Chair Parsons Green and Walham SNT

From: Julian Cooper

Sent: 03 August 2022 23:07

To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: 2022/01033/LAPR: Best One: 308 Wandsworth Bridge Road London SW6 2UA deadline 3rd August 2022

To Whom it May Concern

I write in my role as Chair of the Sands End Ward Panel, Fulham and therefore 308 WBG is within my remit.

I am very concerned about the following in regards to the above proposed licensing application :

1. Hours for alcohol sales.

Proposed Hours (to be open and to sell alcohol off the Premises):
Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 06:00 to 00:00

This is clearly designed to capture the trade from pub goers . As such it is highly likely that those prospective buyers of alcohol and more not less likely to be inebriated and therefore are more not less likely to behaviour in an anti social manner.

Given this is predominately a residential area; I see no reason for the area to trade off residential tranquility at the expense of what is only of minor commercial benefit to the owner, but could be of get detriment to the local residents.

I doubt the police would wish to see the alcohol license extended; given these associated risks. This is no aspersion on the owner of 308, but a realistic judgment on the accompanying effects of extended alcohol licenses in a residential area.

I foresee noise complaints and anti social behaviour, were this license to be extended.

2. Hours requested for "Late Night Refreshment", ie hot food after 23:00 and before 05:00.

I don't believe the perceived demand for such a late night offering if worth the risk to the residents . I'm concerned that dark kitchen may eventually pop up were this to go through licensing and then we would have no control. What is being proposed is likely in my mind to lead to noise - this being cabs, late night revellers and moped deliver drivers and associated talking. This is the wrong area for this type of offering. We are not Soho!

3. Deliveries

Conditions to be placed on applicant for Premises License regarding deliveries. Namely electric bicycles and electric mopeds to be used for deliveries.

I object to any deliveries beyond 11pm.

In conclusion ,

No variation of existing alcohol hours and no variation of existing Late Night Refreshments.

I am agnostic in regards to floor plan layouts, as I don't really understand them.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and send me dates and any zoom link, in regards to the License Committee time and place.

Kind regards

Julian Cooper

On behalf of David Cooper & Co

From: Charlotte Dexter
Sent: 03 August 2022 23:10
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>
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Representation

I write as a frequent user of Wandsworth Bridge Road shops, cafes, restaurants, shops for tiles, furniture, lighting, ironmongery and all sorts, as it is a quick 5 minute silent bicycle ride for me to get there. I write also as a member of the Police/Community Town Ward Panel (soon to be the Walham Green Ward Panel) and working together with the Parsons Green Ward Panel and Sands End Ward Panel as well as the Fulham Broadway Ward Panel (soon to merge into the new Walham Green Ward Panel); we are in contact now also with Munster Ward Panel but licensing is a new topic for them, they told us last night at our Town Ward Panel meeting, which they attended.

The Sub Committee will know that these five Ward Panels in Fulham are now working together to support making Representations for various Licensing Applications. The consequences of Licensing decisions for a Premises are starting to have, in many cases, very negative effects all over Fulham, especially when The Delivery Economy is involved, or could be involved.

On 2 Aug, we had our local Ward Panel meeting with Police and discussed the increased negative consequences that residents are experiencing from extended licensing hours; expanded hours for the sale of alcohol and hot food are leading to more loitering, littering, noise, nuisance, public safety issues on our pavements and in our roads, and psychological harm of children who can't get to sleep at night, or are awoken by noise, people loitering, motorcycles zooming down residential roads to make deliveries. The truth is that Police and even the new LBHF Law Enforcement Teams can do very little about all these problems; 'bad actors' might be given a warning here and there.

I am concerned about certain aspects of this Application and oppose other aspects. Having spoken with many people about this application it became clear to me how confused people are about Licensing terminology. In fact, I had to point out mistakes made in the Licensing Register, regarding this very Application, which were corrected on 29 July; I do still question why no one was officially advised of these material changes and have asked the Licensing Authority to look into the legalities of this. That is, however, another topic, related as it is, however. So please bear with me as I repeat things a few times as I set out my thoughts below.

1. Hours for alcohol sales.

The positive news is:

This Premises at 308 Wandsworth Bridge Road (WBR) is a hard working Post Office, offering grocery, alcohol and all sorts of things we need/household goods and school supplies. It is allowed to sell alcohol from 08:00 to 23:00 Mon - Sat and from 10:00-22:30 on Sunday.

Why they need to start selling from 06:00 and up to midnight is unclear to me. Perhaps the Sub-Committee could explain to me/us, specifically, how will selling alcohol from 6am do any good for the residents' amenity around this shop, and further afield, and how will it support the Licensing Objectives?

Wandsworth Bridge Road is about 75 percent residential and 25 percent shops, at street level. At certain stretches of this main road is 90 percent or even 100 percent residential with single family houses or 3 flats in house conversions or 2 flats above a shop. It is a main artery road still with real Victorian terraced houses occupied by real people.

All the neighboring roads are purely residential—literally 100 percent residential, plus open spaces.

Reversing the hours for sale of alcohol back to 06:00 will only attract people who are already quite well 'refreshed' or even drunk. This can lead to public disorder, Anti-social behaviour (ASB), noise and nuisance, all objectives of the Lic Act to be prevented, no encouraged. School children are out walking to school sometimes from as early as 07:30; they don't need to see people drinking alcohol on their walk to school, do they? This goes totally against the Lic Obj Protecting Children from harm.

Extending the hours by one hour from 23:00 to midnight, will cause more people to stop to buy alcohol, from 23:00-midnight, perhaps on their way to a bus stop or before they take a cab home, after having a meal at one of the popular cafes, restaurants on WBR. More alcohol after a meal with alcohol can lead to public disorder, Anti-social behaviour, noise and nuisance, disruptions of all sorts, arguments on the pavement, in the road etc. Cabbies surely don't buy dearly priced alcohol at night at this type of shop.

Only yesterday, 1st Aug on the NextDoor App someone posted about problems in WBR where people are using laughing gas (NSO with balloons). I attach a screen grab. This is a serious, growing problem leading to crime, ASB, litter; young children are pulled in to sell balloons on the pavement late at night, young underage children use this gas as a social cohesion play. All of this needs no encouragement from later hours for this shop.

It is not illegal to buy the gas and balloons, or use them. This is becoming a huge nuisance around many parts of Fulham, and London. Police can do very little; you cannot call 999 about it. Police Response Teams don't have time to deal with these people congregating and getting dangerously high on sucking in this gas. The newest iteration is sitting inside cars to experience a less oxygen-filled environment. This requires someone to open and slam shut the door several times every few minutes so that a bit of fresh air seeps in. The noise just from the doors banging over and over again is awful. The people inside experiencing euphoria are screaming and yelping, emitting screeching high pitched sounds as they lose oxygen to the brain, to be honest.

And these inhalation sessions go on for 3 to 4 hours; worryingly, they 'drive off' in the cars, finally.

The current hours for opening and the sale of alcohol are more than adequate for this area of Fulham. The 24-hr shop across is enough for the area alcohol sales 7am to 2am Mon to Sat and 07:00 to midnight on Sundays). I am looking into this very point of how and when this Krystals 24-hour shop received permission to operate. I'll add an addendum to my Representation, soon.

I oppose the extensions requested as they could cause more anti-social behaviour, more noise, more nuisance in front of the Premises, and around the Premises and up the WBR as well as at corners in fact the very corners mentioned in the NextDoor post attached.

If 308 WBR sells balloons or NSO (small cylinders or large canisters/tubes) perhaps the Sub Committee could ask them to voluntarily stop selling them. This has been done recently at an off license around Fulham Broadway. Helps a bit, but also attracts outsiders with their re-sell offers.

2. Hours requested for "Late Night Refreshment", ie hot food after 23:00 and before 05:00.

They are asking for 23:00-midnight, ie 1 hour to sell coffee and perhaps a bun to heat up in a microwave, or a soup.

Although this is not a novel idea, I don't see how it will help this shop and I think it best that we not temp 'hours creep'. Today midnight, next year 1am, then 2am, why not 24-hrs?. This is a residential area/main road with shops and many private front doors, ie victorian terraced houses that are lived in. People need to sleep. These very residents on WBR don't need more disturbance, noise, nuisance from a shop open for yet another hour.

3. Suggested/submitted Floor plan: I oppose this layout because it is too general, in the context of the present as well as future use of the Premises.

All that is needed its a floor plan with mention of the Post Office area and a small area for 'Late Night Refreshment', and the present placement of alcohol along walls (behind counters and in refrigerators) which must be shown on the floor plan.. (I understand that the Late Night Refreshment will be hot coffee/tea and a microwave, at the moment, prepared 'Indoors', but taken 'Outdoors' (ie taken away) to consume as there is no seating inside, at the moment—that could change if the entire floor is made the licensable area). The small amount of counter space needed for the coffee/tea facility and microwave can be shown on the plan, if required by the Licensing Act (the Sub Committee will know this).

And so the very handy and very local Post Office area should also be shown clearly. I'd like to see any draft revision of the plan, perhaps before the hearing.

Why not just show the entire floor as licensable?

Were the entire area to be licensed, the character of this shop could quickly or slowly change, dramatically, without any further intervention by the Licensing Authority, so the 2003 Licensing Act. Right now there is a balance between the Post Office services, groceries, some fresh veg and soft drinks/alcohol.

The Subcommittee will be receiving photos from another Ward Panel members.

In the current set up of the shop, Children are kept away from the hard alcohol, at present and other alcohol is in glass refrigerators.

The Floor Plan, as submitted with this Application, will allow alcohol to be sold anywhere—this could be a slow change over time, or a quick change as there would be total flexibility to do anything; school children could be tempted, were more alcohol to be placed in easy to reach places (very much the antithesis of the Licensing Objective to Prevent Children from Harm). As well, the chances of anyone of any age shoplifting (Licensing Objective to Prevent Crime) would increase immediately; a sad fact of life.

The floor plan as submitted with this Application will allow:

-Late Night Refreshment to be sold from anywhere in the shop. A coffee machine and microwave need to be tended by the shopkeeper so this should be in the area of the counter/till, not all over the shop.

-addition of tables and chairs, a bar, whatever

The shop can sell coffee and hot food before 23:00 and after 08:00, at present. I suggest the SubCommittee keep it that way to avoid any nuisance, ASB, early morning drunks coming into the shop and creating disturbance etc.

Allowing the entire floor space to be licensed would also allow 1) the present Premises to become a bar/cocktail lounge or cafe, or 2)the licence could be transferred easily to someone who wanted to open a cocktail bar; with no new Conditions put on the licence because the transfer must be allowed without any intervention of anyone, so the 2003 Licensing Act. The Licensing Authority has confirmed this very point to me.

4. Deliveries

The Applicant has explained to some neighbours that he is not planning on delivering from his premises, but that could change. Now is the opportunity, and only now is the opportunity, if the SubCommittee decides to extend hours to midnight (but please not from 6am!) to put Conditions on the Premises License regarding deliveries.

To avoid noise nuisance, and thus uphold the Licensing Objective to Prevent Noise and Nuisance

--only silent bicycles or silent electric bicycles which would support the Council's zero carbon and zero emissions aims

—no deliveries before 9am and none after 11pm would help residents within a 2 mile radius to not be disturbed by these thousands of deliveries, most of them at night, throughout Fulham. Every delivery in the new Delivery Economy makes noise, causes nuisance, drivers hang out either at the Premises or close by. A sub-world of drug sales by drivers is well known, unfortunately. The problems are growing. These new problems arising from the new Delivery Economy are in direct contradiction to the four licensing objectives.

—Deliveries only to genuine, valid residential and business addresses (not to bus stands, parks, corners, alleyways, front steps of buildings etc)

—The shop owner might tell us tonight that he has no such plans; but the point is that now is the only time to add Conditions to the licence regarding deliveries. I hope that the Subcommittee has been well advised on this.

5. The Nighttime Economy of Wandsworth Bridge Road:

Only last Friday, July 29, Westminster rejected an application by Greggs bakery/cafe in their Flagship shop in Leicester Square to expand hours beyond 23:00. Police and other Responsible Authorities rejected on the grounds of crime and disorder, public nuisance and noise problems. This area of Wandsworth Bridge Road certainly is not Leicester Square, but we all know that the ASB, noise, nuisance,

litter (mainly nighttime) problems on Wandsworth Bridge Road are growing and the Licensing Authority is all too familiar with the case of Jack's on this very road. Again, not to be compared with this Application but a lot is going on on this big road that leads in a straight line from inner Fulham/Parsons Green/Eel Brook Common to the Wandsworth Bridge.

There is a good balance of cafe/restaurant offerings for families, business lunches, evening meals and a few late-ish night establishments. But this night life is still somewhat contained (bar the Jack's official Lic Authority REVIEW, the Premises appeal etc) with relatively civilized licensing hours at most Premises serving food and drink. I spoke with a LBHF LET officer today in person, on the road, and did hear a few horror stories about increased nighttime ASB on Wandsworth Bridge Road and he confirmed the NSO gas problems around the family pizza restaurant, Il Pagliaccio, mentioned in the NextDoor post. I mention all this to give the SubCommittee a flavor of the area, the challenges that are developing, even as they deliberate this Application.

Summary:

In summary, I believe that the opening hours and the hours for sale of alcohol should stay as they are. Residents around this area next to, beside, above, close to and around 308 WBRna d its neighboring 100 percent residential roads need their amenity preserved; it certainly won't be enhanced with a later hour from 23:00 to 00:00 and it definitely will be compromised with a rollback from 08:00 to 06:00. Lack of amenity means noise, nuisance, possible crime, children suffering less sleep; all things that the four licensing objectives are supposed to prevent.

Personally, I'd like to see alcohol sold only from say 11am, but that opportunity has been missed, long ago.

The floor plan should reflect the situation as is, with a small change regarding placement of the coffee machine and microwave near the counter/till so that customers can be helped easily by whoever is working the counter/till, showing the Post Office counter, showing exactly where the spirits are behind the counter and well out of reach, and exactly where the alcohol is in refrigerators.

To be clear, the shop is already allowed to sell coffee and hot food before 23:00 and after 08:00 Mon-Sat and from 08:00 on Sundays, as no 'Late Night Refreshment Licence is needed between the hours of 05:00-23:00.

Attached below: please see the NextDoor app post about the growing problems of NSO gas use on Wandsworth Bridge Road.

I am working on finding more information about neighboring shops and so reserve my right to augment this Representation with further information.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Dexter
Barclay Road Conservation Area Neighbourhood Watch
Barclay Road Residents
Barclay Road SW6

What they are asking for:

A floor plan to include the entire shop as the licensable area.

(now it is limited to certain areas where alcohol is behind the counter or in fridges along the wall)

Licensable activity to vary: The sale of alcohol off the premises only

Current Hours (to sell alcohol off the Premises):

Mondays to Saturdays between the hours of 08:00 to 23:00

Sundays between the hours of 10:00 to 22:30

Proposed Hours (to be open and to sell alcohol off the Premises):

Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 06:00 to 00:00

Licensable activity to add:

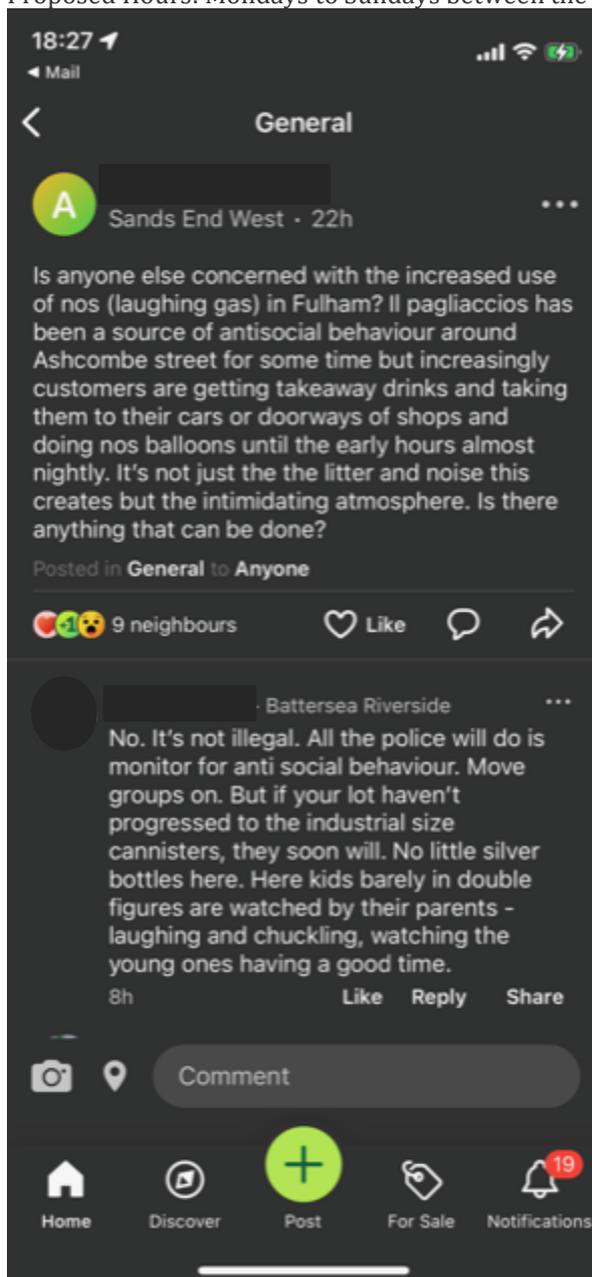
The provision of late night refreshment - 'Indoor's and 'Outdoors'

Proposed Hours Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 23:00 to 00:00

Opening Hours of the premises at the moment: (opening hours are different than alcohol sales hours)

Current Hours: Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 08:00 to 23:00

Proposed Hours: Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 06:00 to 00:00



From: Ward Panel Chair Fulham Town
Sent: 03 August 2022 23:38
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Ref: 2022/01033/LAPR: Best One: 308 Wandsworth Bridge Road London SW6 2UA

As Chair of the Town Ward Panel working in conjunction with the other local Ward Panels I wish to raise various issues in connection with this application, as applications of this type are negatively impacting residents.

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Only last Friday, July 29, Westminster rejected an application by Greggs bakery/cafe in their Flagship shop in Leicester Square to expand hours beyond 23:00. If Westminster is reigning in on hours, then we need to learn from that. Police and other Responsible Authorities rejected on the grounds of crime and disorder, public nuisance and noise problems.

Summary:

In summary, I suggest the opening hours and the hours for sale of alcohol stay as they are. The floor plan should stay as is, with a small change regarding placement of the coffee machine and microwave near the counter/till so that customers can be helped easily by whoever is working the

counter/till. The shop is already allowed to sell coffee and hot food before 23:00 and after 08:00 Mon-Sat and from 08:00 on Sundays.

Sincerely,

***Annabel Cottrell and Georgie Stewart, Ward Panel Co Chairs,
Town Ward (Fulham)***